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of the
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
Sixth Session
Dec. 31, 1851 - Jan. 5, 1852

Held in
GUION ACADEMY
Thibodeaux, La.

M I N U T E S
of the
SIXTH SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, HELD IN THIBODEAUX, PARISH OF LAFOURCHE, LOUISIANA, DECEMBER 31, 1851-
JANUARY 5, 1852.

(1851)

FIRST DAY

Wednesday, December 31st., 1851.

Opening: The sixth session of the Louisiana Annual Conference commenced its sittings in Guion Academy in the town of Thibodeaux, Parish of Lafourche, interior State of Louisiana, on the 31st. of December, A. D., 1851, at 9 o'clock A. M. Bishop R. Paine presiding, by whom the Conference was opened with reading the Scriptures, singing, and prayer.

Roll Call: The President requested the Secretary of the last Conference to call the roll, when the following members answered to their names, to wit:

W. H. Crenshaw	Samuel Hawes
S. J. Davies	David Kinnear
W. E. Doty	Thomas J. Lacy
P. H. Diffenwieth	John Pipes
W. J. Ferguson	R. Randle
P. M. Goodwyn	L. A. Read

S. W. Speer

Organization: P. M. Goodwyn was nominated and elected Secretary of the Conference.

Committees: On motion the following Committees were appointed: -

Public Worship: W. H. Crenshaw, W. J. Ferguson, and L. A. Read.

Stewards: S. J. Davies, P. H. Diefenwierth, and Samuel Hawes.

Memoirs: S. W. Speer.

Hours of Meeting and Adjournment: The Conference then proceeded to fix the hour for meeting and adjourning, and on motion it was resolved that the hour for meeting be 9 o'clock A. M. and for adjourning 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Second Question: The second question was taken up. E. W. Griswold, name called, his character passed, and he was continued on trial.

Discontinued: Seaborn J. Graves, name called, his character passed, and on motion he was discontinued.

Question Twelve: The twelfth question was then taken up. The names of W. H. Crenshaw, Samuel Hawes, W. J. Ferguson, L. A. Read, Z. Thompson, R. H. Rivers, A. G. Miller were called and their Characters passed.

Case of R. J. Harp, name called, but as some exception were taken to his views on the subject of baptism, on motion it was resolved that a committee of three be appointed to confer with Brother Harp on the subject, whereupon Brothers Speer, Kinnear, and Davies were appointed said committee.

Adjournment: On motion Conference adjourned, and was closed with the benediction by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY

Thursday, January 1st. 1852.

Opening: Conference met at the hour of 9 o'clock A. M., Bishop Paine in the chair, and was opened with reading the Scriptures, singing, and prayer by Brother McTyeire.

Roll Call: The roll was called by the Secretary.

Transfer In: The Bishop presented the certificate of transfer of Henry C. Thweatt, from the Arkansas Conference, and being present he was introduced to the Conference.

Introductions: Rev. M. M. Henkle, D.D. Editor of the "Southern Ladies Companion," was introduced to the Conference by the Bishop. Rev. E. H. Hatcher, Agent for the American Bible Society,

was introduced to the Conference by the Bishop.

Report of Com. on Harp Case: The Committee in the case of R. J. Harp made their report, which was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the opinions of Brother Robert J. Harp on the subject of Baptism, beg leave to report that, after hearing the explanations of Brother Harp, find nothing heterodox in his opinions, that his terms are ambiguous and unfortunate and liable to be misunderstood. In behalf of the Committee:

Signed: S. W. Speer, Chairman.

Committees: The following committees were appointed, to wit:

Bible:- H. N. McTyeire and Henry C. Thweatt.

Periodicals: C. A. Frazee and A. E. Goodwyn.

Sunday Schools: R. J. Harp and L. A. Read.

Education: * H. N. McTyeire and C. A. Frazee.

Communication from Summers: A communication from R. V. T. O. Summers, Editor of the "Sunday School Visitor", was read and referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Admitted on Trial: The first question was taken up. J. C. Keener, Presiding

Elder of the New Orleans District, presented the following recommendations for admittance into the traveling connection, to wit: Mathias Maas, from the Quarterly Meeting Conference of the German Mission, held December 12, 1851, and he was received on trial. Also that of Reynolds Trippett. This brother had quit his work, withdrawn from the church, surrendered his parchments to his Presiding Elder, joined the Protestant Episcopal Church, remained a short time therein and, becoming dissatisfied, he repented of the step taken, returned again to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, joined on probation, served out his term, was regularly licensed as a local preacher and recommended from the Quarterly Meeting Conference of the Mc Gehee Charge, held December 22, 1851. And he was admitted on trial.

Trippett's Parchments Restored: Brother Keener, the Presiding Elder, presented at the same time the following document to wit:

New Orleans, Dec. 22, 1851

"The Quarterly Meeting Conference of the McGehee Charge, New Orleans, would respectfully recommend to the Louisiana Annual Conference to restore to Reynolds Trippett his parchments."

Signed: W. H. Dameron,
Recording Secretary

J. C. Keener, P. E.

The above recommendations was adopted by the Conference and the parchments of Reynolds Trippett were restored.

Admitted on Trial-W. E. Doty, Presiding Elder of the Shreveport District, presented the recommendation of Richard L. Childers, from the fourth Quarterly Meeting Conference for the Mansfield Circuit, held October 11, 1851, and he was admitted on trial in the traveling connection.

Question 12 Resumed: The twelfth question was then taken up. The names of J. C. Keener, F. S. Petway, H. N. McTyeire, John M. Hofer, C. A. Frazee, John Pipes, P. M. Goodwyn, P. H. Diefenwierth, W. H. Turnley, W. E. Doty, R. H. Read, Daniel S. Watkins, and A. E. Goodwyn were called, and their characters passed. Henry Avery, name called.

Time Extended: On motion the Conference prolonged its session ten minutes.

Avery's Character Passed, Also Davies. Brother Avery's character passed. Stephen J. Davies, name called and his character passed.

Adjournment: On motion Conference adjourned, and was closed with the benediction by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY

Friday, January 2, 1852.

Opening: Conference met at 9 o'clock A. M., Bishop Paine in the chair, and was opened with reading the Scriptures, singing, and prayer by Brother S. J. Davies.

Calling Roll Discontinued: On motion the calling of the roll was dispensed with until it shall be called for by the Conference.

Third Question: The third question was then taken up. The names of Henderson A. Morse, Linus Parker and John Paule were called, and after examination by the Bishop in open Conference, their characters were passed and they were admitted into full connection, and elected to deacon's orders.

Introduction: Rev. N. P. Chamberlain, of the Presbyterian Church, was introduced to the Conference by the Bishop.

Concerning John Powell: The following resolution was presented by W. H. Crenshaw, to wit:

Resolved, That this Conference with regret heard the name of John Powell read out as transferred to East Texas Conference, at our last session, and that Brother Powell on leaving us had our entire confidence as a minister of pure and exalted character and our best wishes attend him in the home of his choice. And the same was adopted.

Introduction: Rev. Jos. Weeks, of the Presbyterian Church, was introduced to the Conference by the Bishop.

Readmitted: The certificate of location of Elias R. Porter was presented, and he was readmitted into the traveling connection.

Second Question: The second question was then taken up. The name of Samuel Bard was called, and his character passed, but, owing to his having left his work during the year contrary to Discipline, he was, on motion, discontinued.

Location: W. W. Jenkins, name called, and his character passed, and he was granted a location at his own request.

Character Resumed: The twelfth question was resumed. The names of W. R. Gober and Samuel W. Speer were called and their characters passed.

Character continued: Thomas J. Lacy, name called, and his character passed.

Location of DuBose: Malachi DuBose, name called, his character passed, and he was granted a location at his own request.

Character Continued; The names of Chas. J. Hallberg and W. A. Smyth were called and their characters passed. David Kinnear, name called, his character passed, and on motion the following document was ordered to be spread upon the minutes,

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to wit:

STATEMENT Concerning Kinnear's Refusal to Employ Nixon: "During the year 1851 I refused to employ the Rev. F. P. Nixon as a missionary on the Alexandria Colored Mission. I gave as my reason for doing so that he had been guilty of certain acts of indiscretion not in any way involving his moral character, and I now declare that I never intended to charge him with immorality, and if any person understood me as uttering anything against his moral character, I regret it, and have only to say that I was altogether misunderstood."

Thibodeaux, La, Jan. 2, 1852.

Signed: David Kinnear.

Statement to be sent to Nixon: On motion it was resolved that a copy of the foregoing be forwarded by the Secretary to Rev. F. P. Nixon, and to the Alexandria Circuit.

Conference Resolved into Missionary Society: On motion the Conference resolved itself into a meeting of the Missionary Society. After the transaction of the business of the Society, on motion the Conference resumed its session.

Adjournment: On motion Conference adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock P. M., and was closed with the benediction by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY - AFTERNOON SESSION

Friday, January 2, 1852

Opening: Conference met and was opened with prayer by Brother Pipes.

Keener Sec. Pro. Tem. The Secretary being absent, J. C. Keener was appointed Secretary, pro tem.

Copy of Proceeding in His Case to be Given Bard:- On motion it was ordered that the Secretary furnish Brother Samuel Bard with a copy of the proceedings of the Conference in his case.

Steward's Call: The Stewards made their call. The Conference took up the fourteenth question, which resulted as follows:

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Adjournment: On motion Conference adjourned, and was closed with the benediction by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY

Saturday, January 3, 1852

Opening: Conference met at 9 o'clock A. M., Bishop Paine in the chair, and was opened with reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer by R. Randle.

Third Question: The third question was taken up. W. E. Doty, P. E., of Shreveport District, presented the recommendation of Mark McCutchen, a local preacher, from the fourth Quarterly Meeting Conference of Caddo Circuit, held November 22, 1851, and he was elected to Deacon's orders.

Report Com. on Periodicals.- The Committee on Periodicals made their report, which was adopted, and the same is placed on file.

Dr. Henkle Addresses Conference: Dr. Henkle addressed the Conference on the subject of the Nashville and Louisville Christian Advocate, the Southern Ladies Companion, etc.

Concerning the German Work in New Orleans

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the Conference, to wit: In view of the large number of German immigrants to New Orleans, of the responsibility resting upon the M.E.Church, South, to preach the gospel to them in their own language,

Resolved, That we urgently request the friends of the church to aid at once in the erection of a church edifice equal to their great necessity.

Resolved, That we will give our assistance to any agent appointed by the Presiding Elder of the New Orleans District to collect funds in our several charges to carry out the above object.

Place of Next Session: The Conference then proceeded to fix the place for holding its next session. Baton Rouge, Plaquemine and Mansfield were put in nomination, and the result was the selection of the latter place.

Dr. Rivers Asked to Furnish Sermon for Publication : The following resolution was adopted by the Conference, to wit: Resolved, That Dr. Rivers be respectfully requested to furnish at his earliest convenience a copy of the annual sermon preached by him before the Conference on Wednesday, the 31st ultimo, to the Editor of the "SOUTHERN METHODIST PULPIT" for publication.

Minutes to be published: The following resolution was adopted by the Conference to wit:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by the Bishop to publish the minutes of this Conference in pamphlet form to be distributed amongst the members of the church within the bounds of this Conference, which shall also include reports of the several committees on Education, Sabbath Schools and other interests of the Conference, that fifty dollars for this purpose be paid proportionately out of the Conference collections and treasury of the Missionary Society of this Conference, and that we recommend to our Missionary Board to make an appropriation for that purpose.

Report of Com. on Education: The Com-

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mittee on Education made their report, which was amended (and placed on file) by adding the following resolution, to wit: (3rd):

That the Bishop be requested to appoint the Rev. W. E. Doty to act as financial agent for the Centenary College during the present year for the purpose of endowing a professorship of Natural Science.

Committee on Female Institute at Minden:

The following were appointed a Committee on Female Institute at Minden, to wit:

W. E. Doty, P. M. Goodwyn, and the preacher who may be appointed to Shreveport. (Linus Parker was appointed to Shreveport, R. H. H.)

Recommends Female Seminary in Baton

Rouge: The following resolution was adopted, to wit:

That we recommend the Baton Rouge Female Seminary, located in Baton Rouge, La., Mrs. M. W. Read, Principal, this being the only institution in this part of the State under Methodist control, and being under an instructress long tried and well known, we will use our influence in its behalf.

Recommends the Book "The Platform of Methodism." The following preamble and resolution was adopted, to wit:

Whereas, The Rev. M. M. Henkle has published a work entitled "The Platform of Methodism", the object of which is the right exposition and practical enforce-

ment of our most excellent general rules, and,

Whereas, We approve of the object and of the very able manner in which it has been accomplished, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend this excellent work to our people.

Report of Com. on Bible: The Committee on the Bible made their report, which was adopted and placed on file.

Concerning Female School in Opelousas:

The following preamble and resolution was presented and adopted; to wit:

Whereas, Our brethren in Opelousas are anxious to establish among themselves a female school of high grade, and are desirous that this Conference should adopt it as a Conference school: therefore, Resolved, That should they succeed in this noble enterprise, and should they offer to place the institution under our fostering care, without seeking pecuniary aid from the Conference, we will give to it our cordial approbation, and approve of its being taken under the guardian care and patronage of this body.

Visitors to Centenary College: The following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the Rev. J. C. Keener and the Rev. H. N. McTyeire be confirmed as visitors to Centenary College, they having previously been appointed by the joint Board of Trustees and visitors of said College.

Committee to Publish Minutes: J. C. Keener, H. N. McTyeire, and P. M. Goodwyn were appointed a committee to publish the Minutes of the Conference.

Adjournment: The hour of adjournment having arrived, Conference closed with the benediction by the Bishop.

SIXTH DAY

Monday, January 5, 1852

Opening: Conference met at 9 o'clock A. M., Bishop Paine in the chair, and was opened with reading of Scriptures, singing, and prayer by R. H. Rivers.

Minutes: Minutes of Saturday were read and the following amendments made, to wit: To the 3rd Resolution added to the report on Education, that, after W. E. Doty's name be added the word, "or any other person whom he may select" And in the case of the Resolution respecting the Baton Rouge Female Academy that the word "Conference" be put for "State" and "influence" for "Control."

Ordination of Deacons: The Bishop presented the names of Henderson A. Morse, Linus Parker, and John Paule as having been ordained deacons by him on yesterday.

Communication from Book Agent: The Bishop presented a communication from Rev. E. Stevenson, Book Agent, whereupon the

following resolution was passed, to wit: That the Book and Periodical accounts forwarded to this Conference by Dr. Stevenson be referred to the Committee on Periodicals, with instructions to collect and forward them to the Assistant Book Agent at Louisville.

Communication from Dr. Sehon: The Bishop presented a communication from Dr. Sehon, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which on motion was referred to the Committee on Mission.

Reconsideration of Vote Fixing Place of Next Session: Brother McTyeire moved a reconsideration of the vote fixing Mansfield as the place of our next session, which was carried. Baton Rouge was then put in nomination and on motion it was resolved that the Conference hold its next session in that place.

Reconsideration of Vote Appropriating \$50 for Minutes Lost: Brother Keener moved a reconsideration of the vote appropriating \$50 from the Conference and Missionary Collections for the publishing of the Minutes of this Conference. Lost.

Stewards' Report: The Conference Stewards made their report, which together with the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

That the \$35.70 in the hands of the Stewards be appropriated to the widow of the late and lamented Bishop Bascom,

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and the report is placed on file.

Question Twelve Resumed: The twelfth question was taken up. J. N. Hamill, R. M. Crowson, R. Randle and Joe Sanders, names called, and their characters passed.

Moses Davis Located: Moses Davis, name called, his character passed, and he was granted a location at his own request.

Second Question: The second question was taken up. Wm. H. Rogers, name called, his character passed, and on motion he was discontinued. James E. Scott, name called, his character passed, and he was discontinued at his own request. Edwin E. Yancy, name called, his character passed, and he was continued on trial.

J. L. Wright Located: James L. Wright, name called, his character passed. Whereupon the following resolution was offered, to wit: That because of unacceptability as a traveling preacher, James L. Wright be located.

Time Extended: The hour of adjournment having arrived during the discussion of this resolution, on motion the session was prolonged fifteen minutes. The vote being taken the resolution prevailed.

Adjournment: Conference adjourned to meet at 6:30 o'clock this evening, and

was closed with the benediction by the Bishop.

SIXTH DAY - EVENING SESSION

Monday, January 5, 1852.

Opening: Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Paine in the chair, and was opened by H. Avery with singing and prayer.

Minutes: The minutes of the morning session were read.

Vote on Rogers Reconsidered-Rogers Remains on Trial: The vote discontinuing W. H. Rogers was reconsidered, and on motion he was continued on trial.

Vote on Graves Reconsidered-Graves Remains on Trial: It was moved to reconsider the vote discontinuing S. J. Graves, carried, and on motion he was continued on trial, with the understanding that he is to attend to the course of study of the first year.

Obituary of Z. Harmon: W. H. Crenshaw read an obituary notice of Rev. Z. Harmon, a local preacher, which the Conference requested should go published in the "New Orleans Christian Advocate."

E. R. Porter to Preach Next Annual Sermon: By vote of the Conference, Rev. E. R. Porter was requested to preach our next annual sermon.

Character Resumed: The twelfth question was resumed. Thomas Sanford and William Stevenson, names called and their characters passed, and on motion they were continued in the superannuate relation.

Report Com. on Sunday Schools: The Committee on Sunday Schools made their report, which was adopted and is on file.

Plan to Raise Mission Money by Keener: Brother Keener presented a plan for raising Missionary Money in the bounds of our Conference. Adopted. (And is in Brother Keener's hands)

McTyeire, Editor of N. O. Christian Advocate, Speaks: Brother McTyeire, Editor of the N. O. Christian Advocate, addressed the Conference on the subject of that paper.

Thanks: The following resolutions were passed by a rising vote: to wit:

1. That we tender our hearty thanks to the citizens of Thibodeaux and vicinity who have so kindly entertained us, and also to those persons who have proffered us their hospitalities during the session of the Conference.
2. That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the Directors of the Public School for the use of the Guion Academy during our Session in the town of Thibodeaux.
3. That a copy of these resolutions be

furnished the Editor of the paper in this town, and also to the New Orleans Christian Advocate for publication.

Vote on Wright Reconsidered and He Located at Own Request The Conference reconsidered the vote locating James L. Wright, and on motion he was granted a location at his own request.

Committees and Examination: The Bishop appointed the following committees of examination, to wit:

First Year - John Pipes, T. J. Lacy
 Second Year - H. N. McTyeire, J. M. Hofer,
 S. J. Davies.
 Third Year - C. A. Frazee and R. Randle
 Fourth Year - E. R. Porter, W. J. Ferguson.

Committee to Visit Centenary College:

H. N. McTyeire, E. R. Porter, and Henry C. Thweatt.

To Secure Subscribers to N. O. Christian Advocate: On motion it was resolved that each member of this Conference exert himself to raise as many as 20 paying subscribers during the present year to the New Orleans Christian Advocate and will forward to the Editor the amounts collected at the earliest possible convenience.

Remarks by Bishop, a Hymn, and Prayer: Some appropriate remarks were made to the Conference by the Bishop, and Hymn

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was sung, and after prayer by W. H. Crenshaw, the appointments were read out by the Bishop, to wit:

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APPOINTMENTS

New Orleans District.

Presiding Elder
McGehee Charge
Felicity Stret
Moreau Street
New Orleans Circuit
Wesley Chapel, Colored
Soule Chapel
Donaldsonville and Preston's Col Mission
Plaquemine
Thibodeaux
Napoleonville and Lafourche Col. Mission
First German Mission
Second German Mission
Third German Mis. Lafayette and Carrollton
Houma and Bayou Black Mission

J. C. Keener.
Joseph B. Walker
H. N. McTyerie
H. C. Thweatt
To be Supplied
To be Supplied
To be Supplied
Thos. J. Lacy
A. E. Goodwyn
R. J. Harp.
L. A. Read
J. M. Hofer.
John Paule
Mathias Mass.
W. J. Ferguson

Baton Rouge District

Presiding Elder

Baton Rouge

Baton Rouge Colored Mission

Pointe Coupee

St. Joseph Circuit and Tensas Col. Mis.

Richmond and Madison

Lake Providence

Lake Concordia Mission

Waterproof Colored Mission

Monticello

W. E. Doty

E. R. Porter

W. H. Crenshaw

Samuel Hawes

To be Supplied

John Pipes

Z. Thompson

To be Supplied

S. W. Speer

B. R. Truly

Opelousas District

Presiding Elder

Opelousas

New Iberia

Chicot

Franklin and Pattersonville

Alexandria and Cotile

St. Landry Colored Mission

Alexandria Colored Mission

David Kinnear

To be Supplied

H. A. Morse

C. J. Halberg.

R. H. Read

W. H. Turnley

C. A. Frazee

To Be Supplied

Monroe District

Presiding Elder
Monroe Circuit
Monroe Colored Mission
Bastrop
Bastrop Colored Mission
Farmerville
Homer Circuit
Jackson Circuit
Columbia
Boeuff Prairie Circuit
Boeuff Prairie Colored Mission
Trinity Circuit

Shreveport District

Presiding Elder
Shreveport
Caddo Circuit and
Colored Mission
Mansfield
Natchitoches Circuit
Natchitoches and South Bossier
North Bossier
Red River

P. M. Goodwyn
R. M. Crowson
Wm. H. Rogers
R. Trippett
To be Supplied
To be Supplied
R. Randle
To be Supplied
E. W. Yancey
E. W. Griswold
To be Supplied
To be Supplied

Joel Sanders
Linus Parker
Daniel S. Watkins,
and Richard E. Childers
Henry Avery
W. A. Smyth
To be Supplied
S. J. Davies
To be Supplied
S. J. Graves

R. H. Rivers appointed to Centenary College
 W. R. Gober - Missionary to California

Transfer In - Henry C. Thweatt

Transfers Out - F. S. Petway, transferred to Tennessee Conference and appointed Presiding Elder of the McMinnville District
 J. N. Hamill, transferred to East Texas Conference; A. G. Miller transferred to Mississippi Conference, and appointed to Bayou Sara.

Superannuated - Thomas Sanford and W. Stevenson.

Discontinued - Samuel Bard discontinued. James E. Scott discontinued at his own request.

Located - W. W. Jenkins, M. DuBose, Moses Davis, and Jas. L. Wright located at their own request.

Deceased - Byron Benton

S T A T I S T I C S

MONROE DISTRICT

Monroe	400									
Monroe Col.	251	3								
Bastrop	200	2								
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Farmerville	134	3								
Darbonne	398	11							\$26.	\$21.
Jackson	400	6	1	1	5	25	30		13.	40.
Columbia	276	24	3	1	12	56	525			
Boeuff Prairie	147	124	5							
Red River.	159	55								

ADJOURNMENT - On motion Conference adjourned its session, and was closed with the benediction by the Bishop.

P. M. Goodwyn, Secretary R. Paine, President.

